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TO AMEMBASSY WARSAW

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SUBJECT: AMERICAN STUDIES CENTER

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1. WALLACE FARNHAM INFORMED CU/EE APRIL THREE THAT HE WOULD ACCEPT APPOINTMENT AS DIRECTOR OF THE AMERICAN STUDIES CENTER (ASC). ONLY UNRESOLVED ISSUES HERE ARE MAINLY ADMINISTRATIVE AND FINANCIAL.

2. FARNHAM ALSO AGREED THAT FOR AY 75/76, THE ILLINOIS LECTURER EXCHANGE WOULD BE PARTIALLY MERGED WITH THE ASC, IN THAT THERE WILL BE NO ILLINOIS LECTURER AT THE WARSAW HISTORY INSTITUTE, BUT FARNHAM WOULD GIVE A SEMINAR THERE FOR MASTERS DEGREE CANDIDATES. DEPARTMENT, HOWEVER, WOULD CONTINUE TO FUND THE POLISH HISTORY LECTURER AT ILLINOIS IN WHICH FARNHAM SAYS WARSAW HISTORY INSTITUTE HAS HIGH INTEREST.

3. FARNHAM IS COMMITTED TO CHAIR A CONFERENCE OF US AND POLISH HISTORIANS AT ILLINOIS FIRST WEEK SEPTEMBER AND COULD NOT BE IN WARSAW BEFORE SEPTEMBER 10. HE UNDERSTANDS
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EMBASSY'S PREFERENCE FOR EARLIER ARRIVAL, AND IS PREPARED

TO VISIT WARSAW FOR TWO WEEKS DURING MAY-JUNE TO MAKE
PRELIMINARY ARRANGEMENTS FOR ESTABLISHING THE CENTER.

ADVISE DATES PREFERRED. DEPARTMENT WOULD FUND HIS TRAVEL
AND PER DIEM UNDER ITS CURRENT GRANT TO INDIANA.
FARNHAM ALSO PLANS TO MOVE AHEAD WITH ASC LIBRARY AND
WILL BE PREPARING LIST OF REFERENCE AND OTHER BOOKS FOR
PURCHASE. WE HAVE PUT HIM IN TOUCH WITH JOHN KORDEK OF
USIA.

4. FARNHAM ACCEPTS THIRTY PERCENT OF STIPEND PAYABLE IN
ZLOTYS AND WILL DISCUSS OTHER STIPEND DETAILS WITH
WILSON. RE ANNUALIZATION, SINCE FARNHAM WILL BE TRAVELING
WITHOUT FAMILY, HE WANTS TO MAKE ONE TRIP HOME DURING
ACADEMIC YEAR AND TO TERMINATE ASSIGNMENT IN JUNE 1976.
IN ORDER PROVIDE CONTINUITY WE SHALL TRY TO ARRANGE FOR
DEPUTY DIRECTOR TO REMAIN THROUGH SUMMER OF 76, OR LONGER.
WHILE THIS IS NOT IDEAL SOLUTION, IT WOULD ENABLE US TO
OPEN THE CENTER IN SEPTEMBER, AND STAFF IT FOR THE FIRST
YEAR, AND PROVIDE TIME TO MAKE PLANS FOR FUTURE.

5. SINCE WE ARE MOVING AHEAD HERE TO FINALIZE ADMINISTRA-
TIVE AND FINANCIAL ARRANGEMENTS, WE WOULD APPRECIATE
EARLY INDICATION OF FINAL APPROVAL BY MINISTRY.

6. RE ASC DEPUTY DIRECTOR, GEORGE WILSON NOW HAS TWO
PROSPECTS AT INDIANA WITH WHOM HE IS NEGOTIATING. WILL
ADVISE. INGERSOLL

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